

Meeting Summary

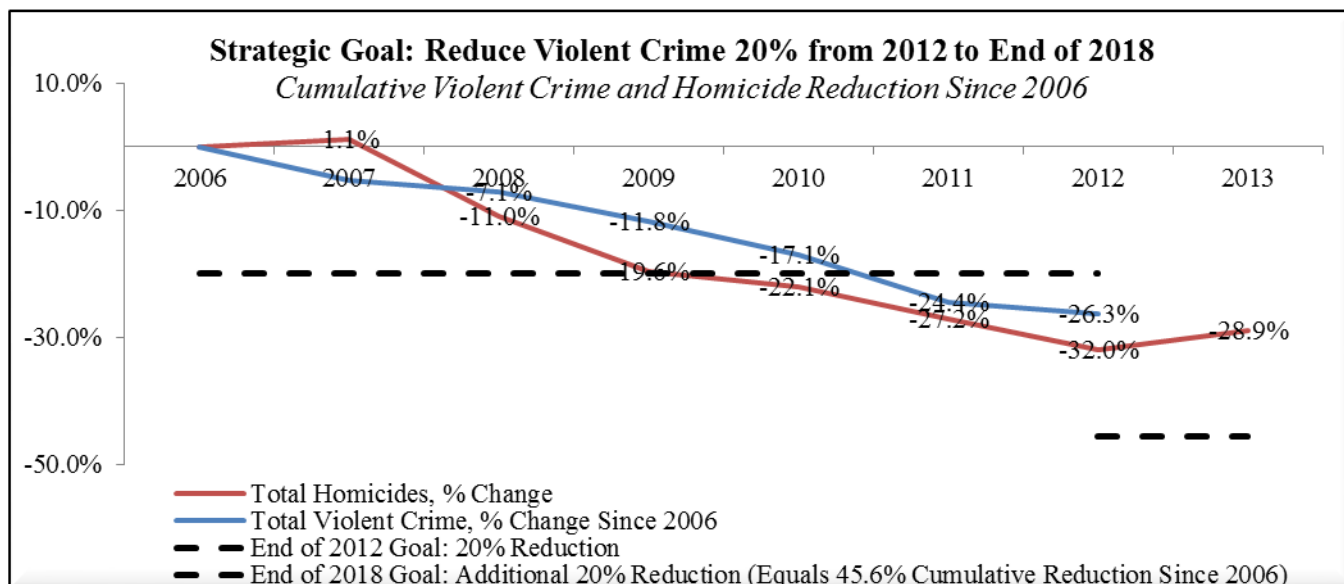
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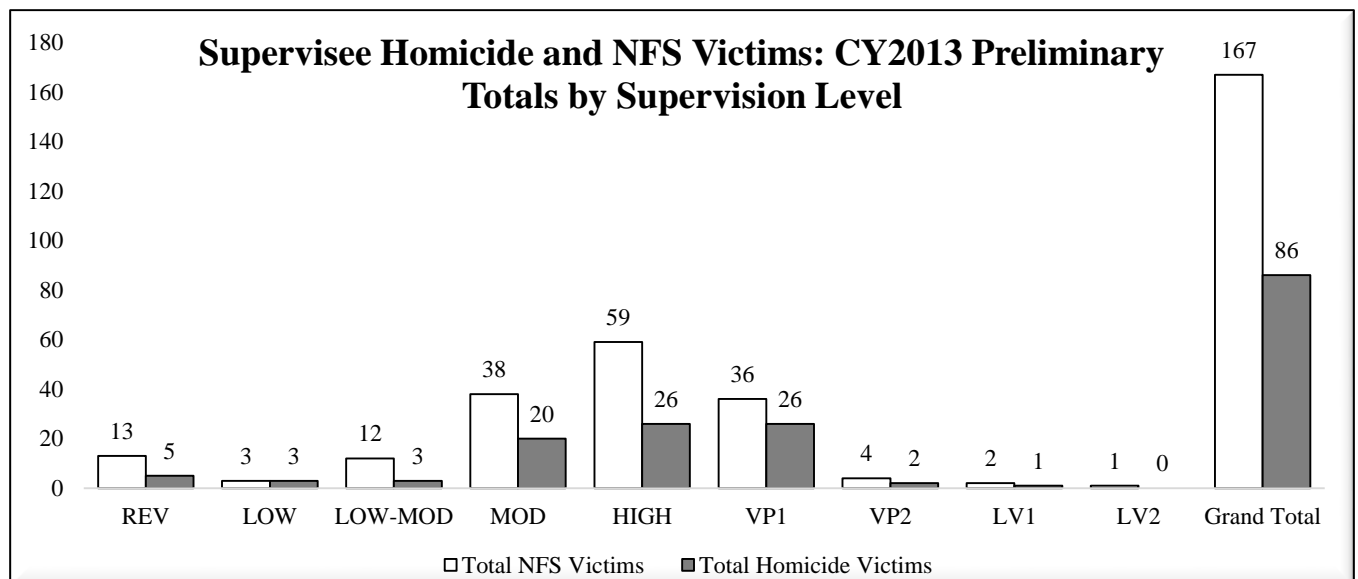
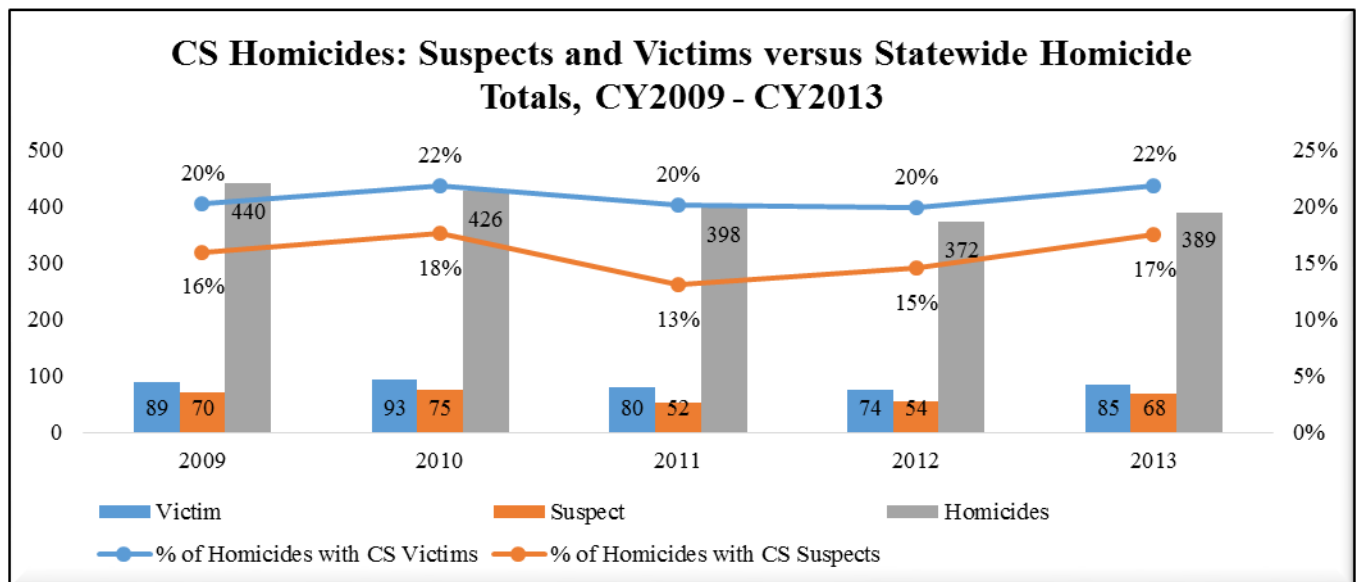
The following is a summary of the issues that were discussed at the DPSCS Stat on January 9th, 2014. Analysis is provided by StateStat.

• **CY2013 Supervisee Homicides Show Increase.** Preliminary data from MSP and DPSCS show that 2013 had significantly more total homicides (4.6 percent increase), supervisee homicide victims (14.9 percent), and supervisee homicide suspects (24.1 percent), compared to 2012, as shown in the table below. The increase in supervisee homicide victims is driven by an ongoing increase in the supervisee homicide rate, with November and December totals sharing the 2013 monthly record of 11 supervisee homicide victims each.

Towards the end of CY2013 DPSCS began to provide StateStat with case reviews for all supervisees who are suspects or victims in homicides. This initiative is modelled off an equivalent DJS program where StateStat helps to review case reviews for youth homicides. This process has helped DJS to become more familiar with the intricacies of these cases. Director Power explained to DPSCS how DJS uses the case review process, expressing hope that DPSCS can come prepared in the future to discuss the details of all supervisee homicide cases.

Homicide Totals and Supervisee Homicides, 2012 vs. 2013			
	CY2012	CY2013	Percent Increase 2012 to 2013
Total Homicides	372	389	4.6%
Supervisee Homicide Victims	74	85	14.9%
Supervisee Homicide Suspects	54	68	24.1%

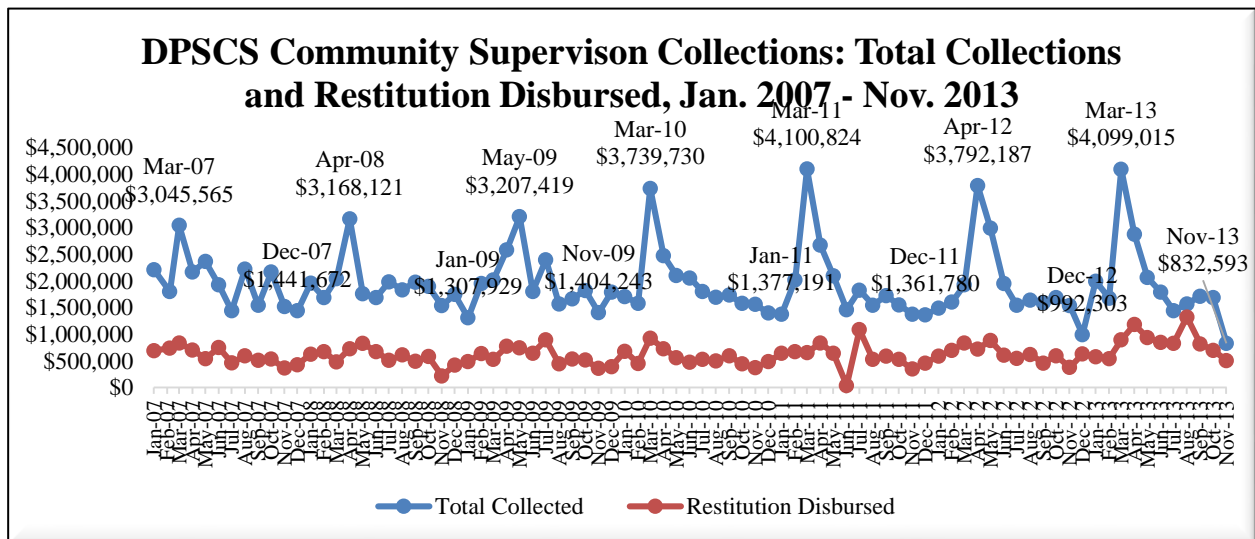
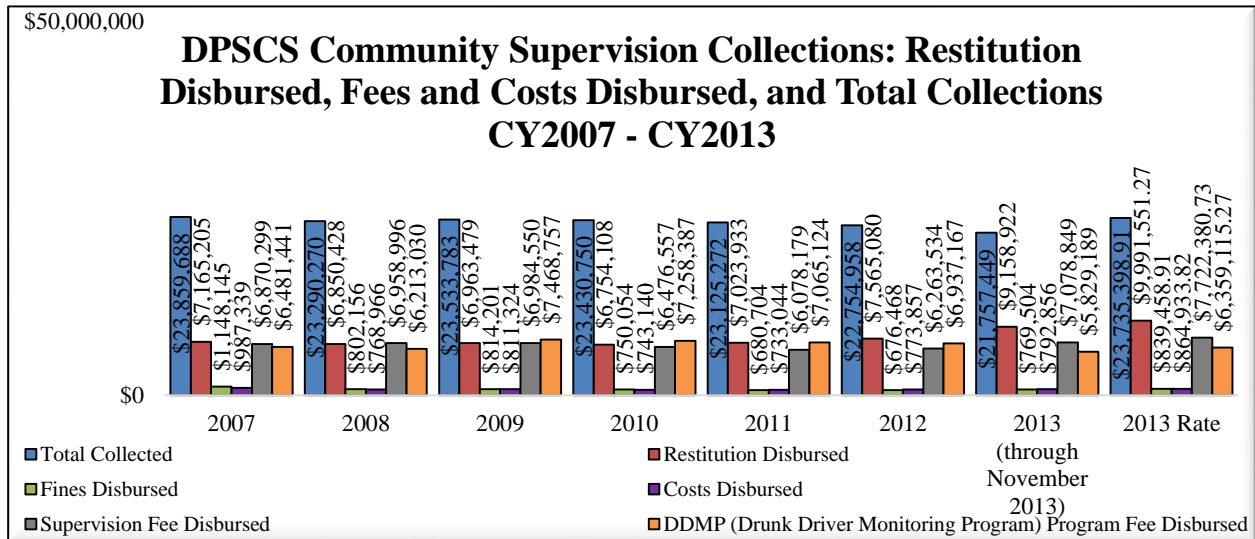


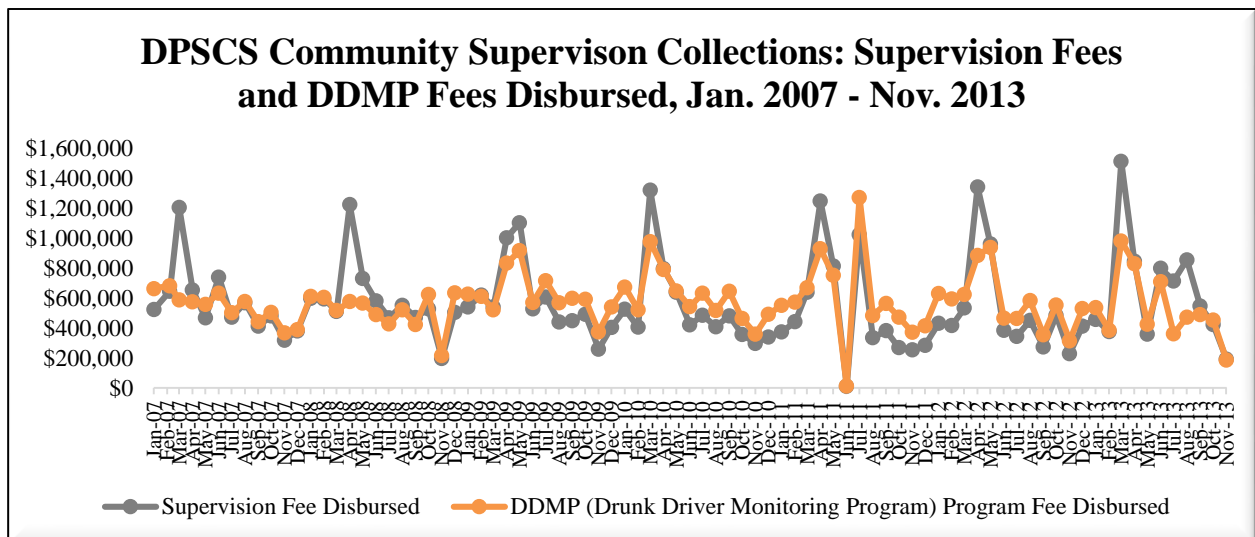
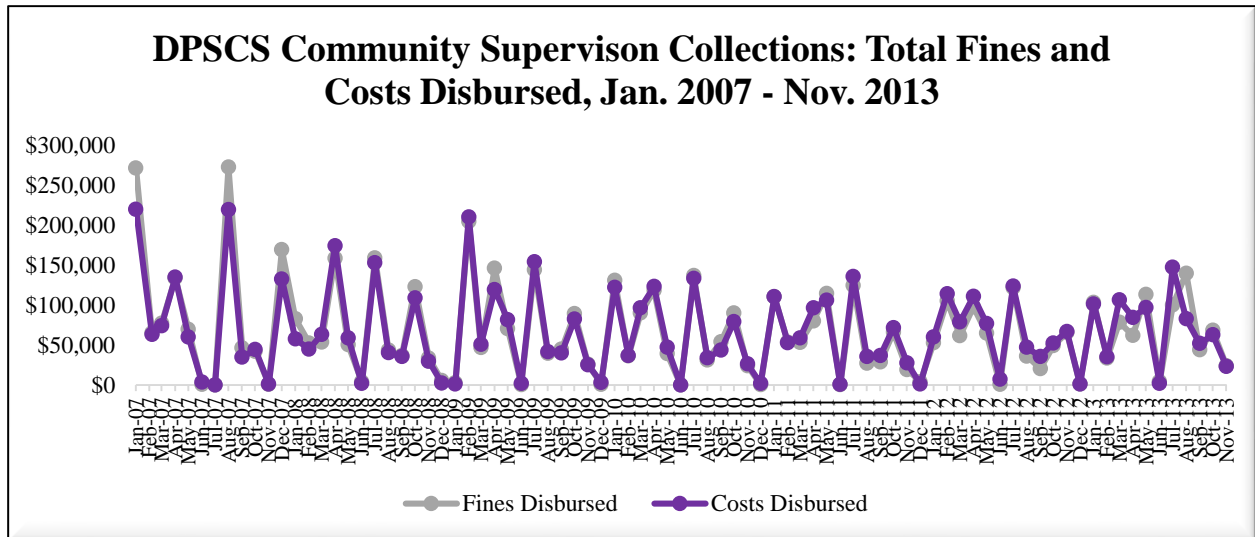


• **New Fix for Automatic Assigning of VPI Status.** As a follow up item to the previous stat, DPSCS ITCD (Information Technology and Communications Division) was asked to implement an IT fix to automatically assign VPI status to offenders who qualify in the screener, removing the need for agents to enter VPI status manually. DPSCS responded that OCMS will be modified so that at CS intake, VPI will be the default supervision level if the person's last screener result was "VPI". This will be implemented by the end of January.

• **Restitution Distribution Increased in 2013.** The agency continued its long-term increase in annual restitution disbursed in 2013. Every year since 2010 has seen an increase in the amount of restitution payments. The panel may note that monthly restitution payment totals have been decreasing since August 2013. The total dollar amount received by Community Supervision Collection also increased in 2013, but in line with normal year-to-year variance. DPSCS established a Restitution Unit in April 2013 to distribute backlogged payments, some as old as 32

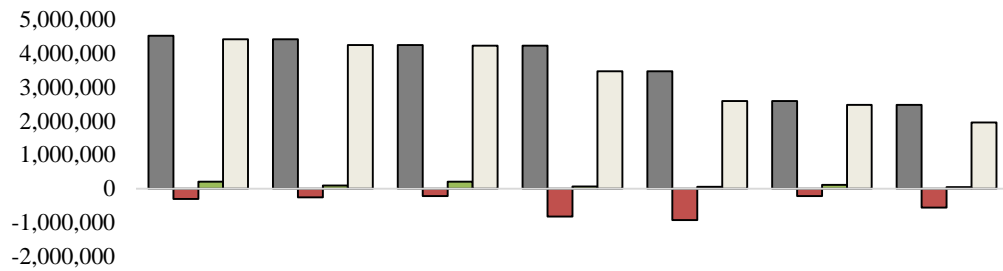
years. The Closed Hold Account is where DPSCS tracks backlogged restitution payments. Restitution payments not part of this backlog are contained in the primary account.





- **\$1.95 Million Remaining in Closed Hold Account.** From April to October 2013 the agency was successfully able to clear \$2,036,178 from the Closed Hold account. As shown in the graph below the majority of the funds were distributed in July and August, after the agency began a concerted effort to clear funds.

CS Collections Closed Hold Account: Apr. 2013 - Oct. 2013



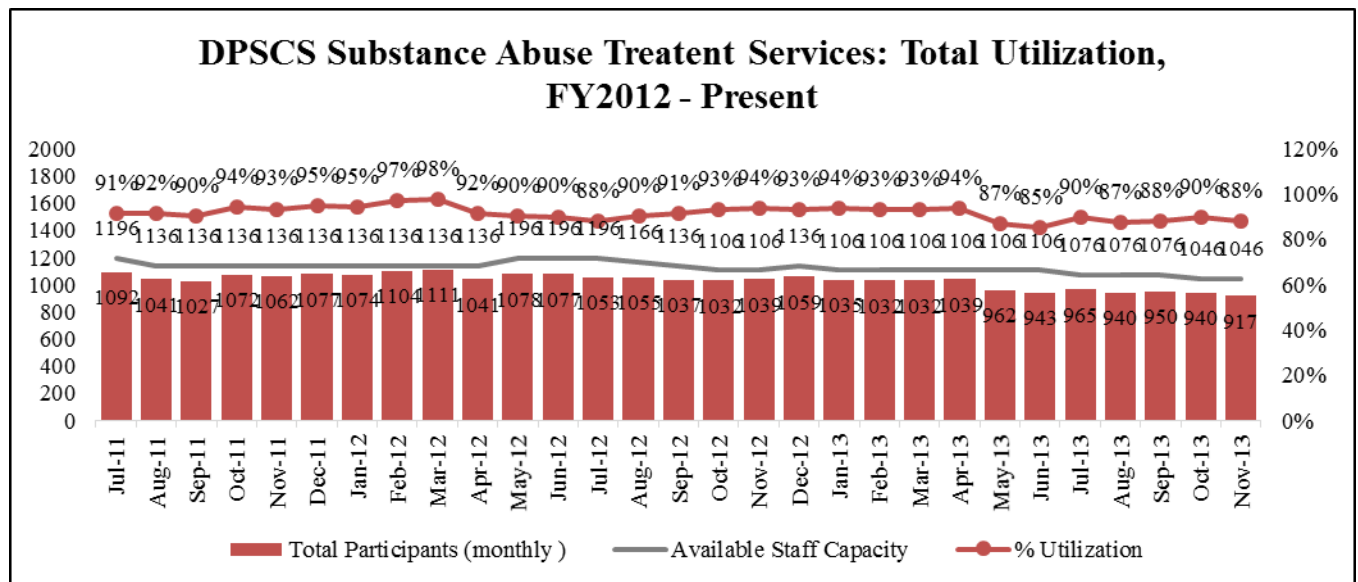
	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13
■ Closed Hold Beginning Balance	4,511,334	4,409,840	4,239,580	4,224,050	3,465,628	2,589,497	2,475,156
■ Amount Disbursed	-304,921	-255,846	-218,466	-822,535	-930,390	-223,173	-562,724
■ Amount Added	203,427	85,586	202,936	64,113	54,260	108,832	41,951
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- **DPSCS Estimates Full OCMS Rollout will be in June.** DPSCS estimates that it will be rolling out full use of OCMS at MCIW (the Women's prison) on March 1st, with men's facilities using OCMS approximately 3 months afterwards, in June. The agency provided an overview of the current state of OCMS, showing its current capabilities at MCIW.

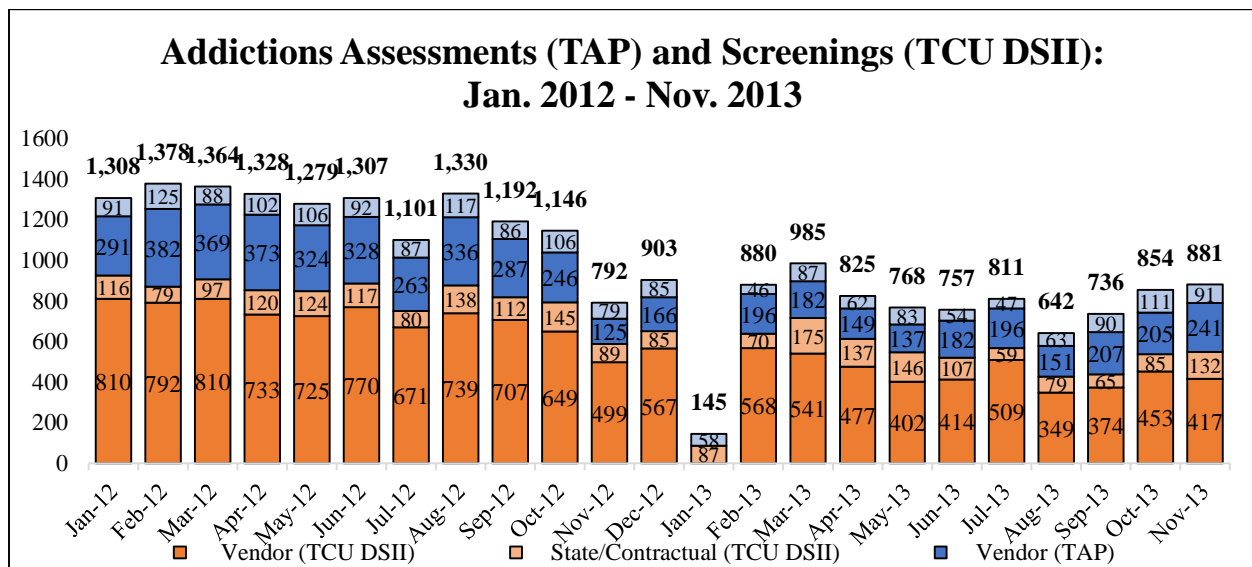
- **Secretary Herschberger Decentralizing Facility Treatment Programs.** Sec. Herschberger toured the substance abuse treatment programs at CMF on January 3rd. Facility staff informed him that the Department centralization had limited their efforts to fill slots in their programs. In response the Secretary has moved oversight of facilities' treatment programs from Headquarters to the individual facilities. Approximately 250 inmates have been transferred from one facility to another in the past week. Overall DPSCS is trying to make sure that those inmates who need treatment most are filling the slots. The agency aims to reach 95 percent utilization for the Therapeutic Communities program in January, which would amount to a significant increase. The question of the size of the waitlist is complicated by the revised policy barring Low and Moderate risk inmates to participate. Therefore most of the work to fill the slots will involve filling slots with the most eligible inmates, even if they are Moderate or Low risk – as opposed to a strict risk cutoff. The agency's long term plan will involve moving slots to the most treatment-overbooked facilities.

- **Special Unit Pay Levels.** DPSCS raised an issue at previous stats that staff members in its Special Units, e.g., Substance Abuse Treatment and Psychology, are not offered competitive pay rates, often leading to potential staff rejecting job offers. With the Governor's support, DPSCS is now planning to increase pay levels for select Special Unit PINs.

- **Substance Abuse Treatment Utilization Decreased Further in November.** The available staff capacity for substance abuse treatment programs held steady at 1,046 in November, but total participants decreased to 917. This decrease from 940 in October is the largest one-month decrease since May 2013. The utilization rate for treatment programs was 88 percent in November.



• **Addictions Assessments and Screenings Increased.** Monthly Addictions assessments, performed by TAP, and addictions screenings, performed by TCU, have both seen consistent monthly increases from August to November.



• **Simultaneous Background Checks for Substance Abuse Treatment Staff.** In an effort to speed up hiring time for substance abuse treatment staff, as a follow up item to the previous stat the agency was asked to write and implement a new policy to perform background checks on the top three candidates for Special Unit PINs simultaneously, in order to increase the odds that at least one preferred candidate will pass the checks. The agency responded that it is planning to send an internal memorandum to regional HR associates and hiring units to inform them of the updated policy of 3 simultaneous background checks. The agency is in the process of writing into its HR Operations Manual a requirement for performing background investigations on the top 3 viable candidates for identified support staff positions.